

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 20, 2025

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

Pastor Ben Cherland

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church
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GATHERING

Brass Quartet: *Christ Arose* Lowry: Stamegna

Procession of the Christ Candle

Messiah Chimes: *The Day of Resurrection* McKechnie
 Classical Easter Helman

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters
where you make us new,
leading us from death to life,
from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
 like rains to our thirsting earth,
 like streams that revive our souls,
 like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ, in love and mission.
Cleanse our hearts of all division.
Shower us with the life we have in you.
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (ELW 365)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain S122

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

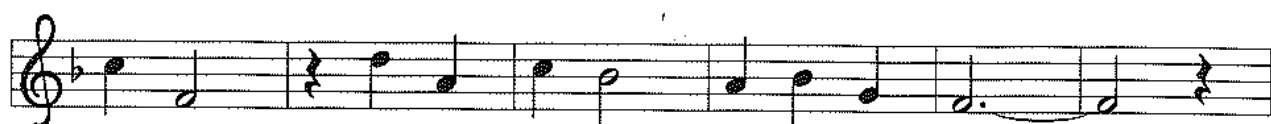
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

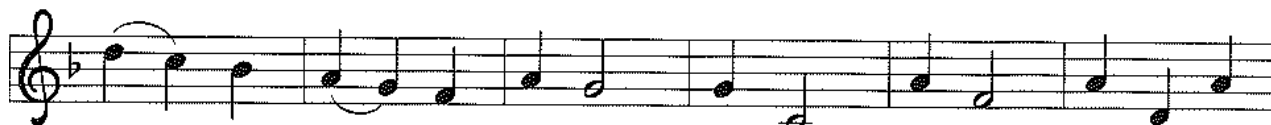
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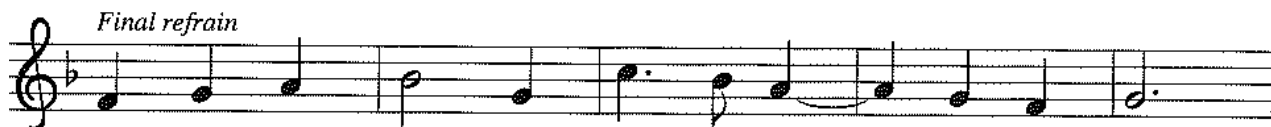
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

CHILDREN SERMON

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;

but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.
- ² **Let Israel now declare,
“God's mercy endures forever.”**
- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**
- ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”
- ¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**
- ¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**
- ²⁰ “This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”
- ²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ **By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hallelujah

Helehuyan

SERVICE MUSIC

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The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff has three measures labeled 1*, 2, and 3. The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

* May be sung in canon.

Music: Muscogee (Creek) Indian; transc. Charles H. Webb, b. 1933

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GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”

⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Now the Green Blade Rises (ELW 379)*

APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need and all of God's creation.

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Knowing that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,

Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,

sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

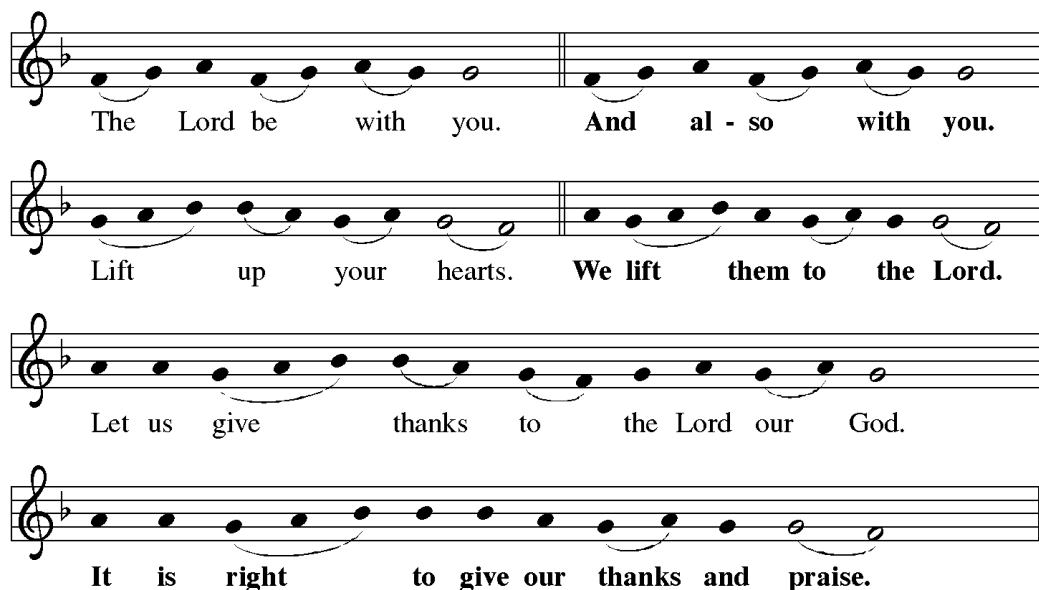
Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

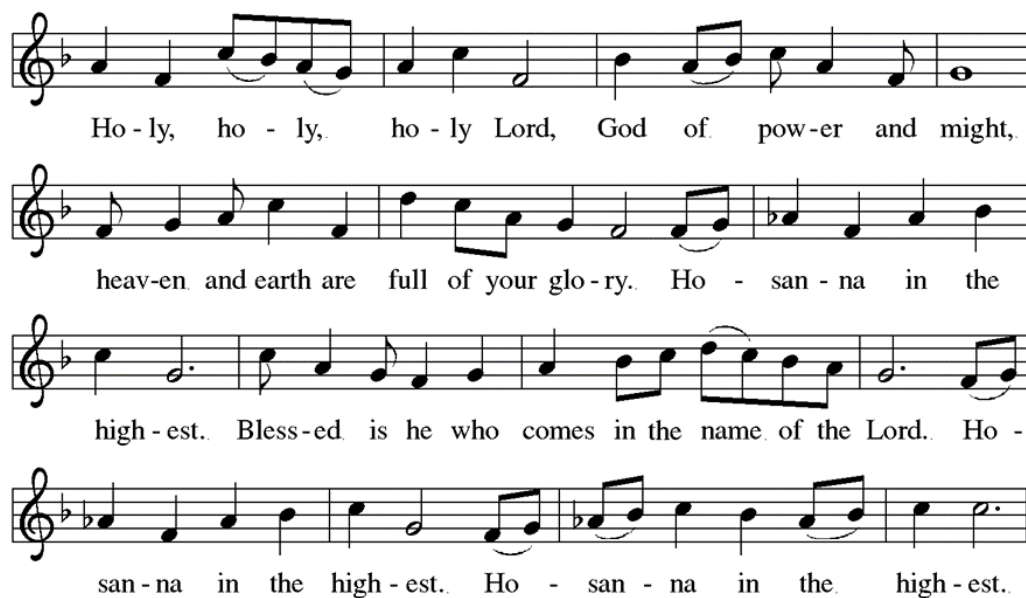
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (*Pastor*)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May our Glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Thine Is the Glory* (ELW 376)

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<p>Special Offering April Lutheran World Relief Quilters</p>

You are invited to stay following the service to enjoy a light brunch in the gathering area. All are welcome!

Flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Bev Urbaniak's mother, Violet, Lucille (Lucy) June Brummer, and Allen Hansen, and in honor of Sandy Moe's parents, Carrie and Brian Moe.

Thank you to all who participated in leading worship today, including:
Brass Quartet: Danny Schneider, Linda Daily, Brent Moore, Ted Munsch
Messiah Chimes

Readers, Ushers, Communion Assistants, and Tech Booth Attendants
If you'd like to participate in leading worship, speak to Martha Crofts - there is
always a need for more faces in these roles. Pastor Ben

Help us spread the word about all the amazing things happening at Messiah! Our
Outreach Committee is dedicated to sharing our mission, celebrating the talents of
our members, and fostering growth within our congregation. If you have a passion
for connecting with others and showcasing the wonderful gifts within our church
family, we'd love to have you on board!

Get involved today!

Contact Sandy Moe at sandra.moe@rocky.edu / 218-341-0283.

Let's grow together!

Messiah is in need of regular cleaning. If you are willing to sign up to do some light
cleaning (bathrooms, vacuuming, or glass cleaning) it would go a long way. We all
need to do our part to keep the building sparkling! Please let Dianne know what
you'd like to contribute. And THANK YOU.

If you are interested in helping to lead worship, we're developing a new role for you
here at Messiah called (drumroll) **Assisting Minister!** It would consist of reading
the Prayer of the Day, the Psalm, the Prayers of the People and helping me with a
few things around the Eucharist. There is a history to this role in the Church and it
will enrich worship and your life in the church. Connect with Pastor Ben if you're
interested.

Upcoming

Billings Symphony is offering a free Ensemble Performance tomorrow evening at
the Roosevelt Center. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Show is at 7:00 pm.

End of Life Adult Forum series Monday nights in May,
May 5, May 11 and May 18 at 7:00 pm

Rogation Sunday Outdoor Worship with Calvary Episcopal – June 22, 2025

PRAYER REQUESTS

For prayer requests, contact the church office at 406-446-2430 or redlodgemessiah@gmail.com or write your requests in the Prayer request book with specific information and permission from the person you are adding.

This month the people of Messiah are praying for Carl and Meredith Cherland, Neil and Alice Carver, Jackie Cordill, Mason Daily, Herb Hunt, Dolly Koski, Rick and Sandy Koski, Jack Kyner and his family, Doug & Mary Lair, Rob Loney, Paul Odegard, Carlos Ramalho, and M.T.

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